

## SARATOGA SELECTED.

THE STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD THERE

MR. BLISS'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED BY THE

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE - GENERAL  
KNAPP ELECTED CHAIRMAN-IN-  
CREASED REPRESENTATION.  
The members of the Republican State Com-  
mittee at the meeting yesterday at the Fifth  
Avenue Hotel issued a call for the assembling of  
the Republican State Convention at Saratoga on  
September 25, and transacted other business of  
general interest.  
Most of the members of the committee arrived

they had all congregated in the corridors of the hotel and were busy debating the various questions which would come before them for consideration. It was early known that Cornelius N. Bliss, of this city, the representative of the Xth Congressional District, and for the last two years chairman of the committee, intended to offer his resignation as chairman, desiring to give all his time this fall to his own business affairs. There was much regret expressed at this decision of Mr. Bliss, as he is highly popular with his fellow-members of the committee, and all are aware of his great services to the Republican party. But Mr. Bliss's resignation, it was soon discovered, was imperative, and therefore a successor to him was sought. This successor was quickly found in the person of General John N. Knapp, of Auburn.

The issues of the approaching political contest were considered by many of the committeemen in their chats with one another. It was said by all that it was palpable that the liquor trade was again to be a State issue in the campaign this fall.

What with State conventions to be held by the liquor-dealers and by the Prohibitionists, followed by that of the whiskey loving Democratic party, it was said the restriction of the liquor trade would assuredly be a prominent issue, and certainly one which Republicans would be pleased to meet. The Republicans from the interior of the State were especially urgent in recommending

stand upon a high-license question. Congressman Jolia A. Quackenbush, who represents the XVIIIth Congress District in the committee, said that the Republican voters of that district, which includes the big city of Troy and the counties of Rensselaer and Washington, asked that a strong high-license plank should be adopted.

VOICES FOR HIGH LICENSE.

"We must have no shilly-shally plank on the license question," he said. "Our opinions on the subject must be lucid and unmistakable. We should press the high-license issue; for I believe that all intelligent and conscientious men, as I

erend by their votes overthrowing prohibition in Rhode Island and rejecting it in Pennsylvania, believe that prohibition does not lessen drunkenness, but that, upon the contrary, a high-license law does."

Charles A. Chickering, clerk of the Assembly and representative of the XXXIII Congress District, Lewis and Oneida Counties, said on the same topic: "The people of my district desire that we should make an advance on this question of high license. We should seek, in my opinion, to elect a two-thirds Republican majority in the Legislature, and thus be able to pass over Governor Hill's head the High-License and the Ballot-Reform bills and other reform measures."

Ellis H. Roberts, Editor of "The Utica Herald," said: "We must support high license, and must support it in the strongest possible way. I know

Warner Miller received the votes of hundreds of temperance Republicans who would otherwise have voted the Prohibition ticket."

Eldred T. Brackett, of the XXth Congress District, said: "I am in favor of a high-license plank, and the higher the better. The Republicans of my district expect us to push the issue."

John H. Weaver, of Plattsburg, committeeman of the XXist Congress District, said: "We made a fine campaign last year on the high-license issue, and I think we can make an equally fine one this year on the same issue. It is all nonsense to say that 5,000 saloons will not sell less than 10,000; and high license certainly reduces their number."

Speaker Cole, of Watkins, said: "I presume that some Republicans, especially those in the cities, are discouraged by the fact that our State ticket was defeated on the high-license

There was a strong contest among the committeemen in regard to the place in which the convention was to be held; Saratoga, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo all having their friends. The contest was purely one of preference; not having the slightest political significance. Objection was at first made to Saratoga on the ground that the big hotels there would be closed during the last week of September. Mr.

Brackett, however, convinced his fellow-committeemen that the hotels would be kept open if it were decided that the convention should be held there. This statement brought to the support of Saratoga many of the New-York, Brooklyn and Hudson River Valley committeemen, who

When the committee finally met at noon the question was undecided. The meeting was held in one of the parlors of the hotel, with General John N. Knapp acting as chairman and Frank S. Smith, of Angelica, the State Committeeman from the XXXIVth District, performing his regular duties as secretary. Mr. Smith found on calling the roll that the following members of the com-

tee were present:

- I. Richard McCormick, of Jamaica.
- II. Israel F. Fischer, of Brooklyn.
- IV. S. V. White, of Brooklyn.
- V. Edgar E. Griffiths, of Brooklyn.
- VI. John W. Jacobus, of New-York.
- VIII. John Simpson, of New-York.
- IX. John K. Nugent, of New-York.
- XI. Clarence W. Meade, of New-York.
- XIV. James W. Husted, of Peekskill.
- XV. Jacob B. Steil, Jr., of Newburg.

XVIII. John A. Quackenbush, of Shawarator  
 XIX. George Campbell, of Colosse.  
 XX. Edgar T. Brackets, of Saratoga.  
 XXI. John H. Wover, of Plattsburg.  
 XXII. Charles A. Chickering, of Copenhagen.  
 XXIII. Joseph E. Eggleston, of Cortland.  
 XXIV. George W. Dunn, of Binghamton.  
 XXV. John N. Knapp, of Auburn.  
 XXVI. George W. Aldridge, of Rochester.  
 XXVII. Marcus H. Phillips, of Hamilton.  
 XXVIII. O. G. Warren, of Buffalo.  
 XXIX. George Urban, Jr., of Buffalo.  
 XXX. Frank S. Smith, of Angelica.  
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ated by proxies, Robert H. Hunter, of Poughkeepsie, of the XVIIth District, and William H. Johnson, of Albany, the Committeeman-at-Large. Then James M. Fuller presented a proxy for William Day, of the IId District; John Kelsenweber for Charles F. B. Smith, of the XIIIth District; Henry C. Phelps, of the Ithaca District; John B. Smith, of the XIIIth District; A. J. C. Pearson, of the Ithaca District; and John C. Pearson for James G. Linsley, of the XVIIth District; W. R. Remington for Joseph Mullin, of the XIIIth District; John W. Vrooman for A. M. Mills, of the XXIVth District; E. L. Adams, Editor of "The Elmira Advertiser," for J. W.

man John Rames for William L. Parkhurst, of Clifton Springs.

•MR. BLISS'S RESIGNATION.

No sooner was the roll-call finished than Mr. Knapp presented the letter of resignation of Chairman